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## ANNUAL REPORT for the Year 1964

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE RURAL DISTRICT  
COUNCIL OF RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE

I submit for your information and consideration my eighteenth Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of your District.

### NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS :

The Rural District of Ringwood and Fordingbridge extends from the Wiltshire boundary in the north to the Borough of Christchurch in the south, and from the Dorset boundary on the west to the boundaries of the New Forest Rural District and Lymington Borough on the east. It embraces the whole course of the Hampshire Avon until it enters Christchurch. The terrain varies from the chalk downs of the north to the fertile river valley and the barren heaths on either side.

Agriculture is the main occupation with assorted light industry in the centres of population, a large foundry producing motor car parts in Ringwood and a major aircraft factory at Hurn.

The District is comprised of 16 parishes and has grown rapidly since the war, largely by immigration. The population has increased by 49%, and the number of houses by 50%, since 1945.

### RAINFALL FOR 1964 :

The following figures have been provided by the courtesy of the Meteorological Officer at Hurn Airport.

		ins.			ins.
January	...	0.44	July	...	0.55
February	...	1.11	August	...	1.02
March	...	3.92	September	...	0.90
April	...	2.30	October	...	2.33
May	...	4.33	November	...	1.95
June	...	2.70	December	...	3.42

TOTAL : 24.97 inches.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

AREA : 90,145 acres.

POPULATION : Registrar-General's estimate for mid-year 1964 : 28,850.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES : 9,805.

RATEABLE VALUE AT 31.12.64 : £1,139,479.

SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE : £4,476 17s. 9d.

## VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1964 :

(as supplied by the Registrar-General)

		Total	Male	Female	Ringwood & Fordingbridge Rural District	England & Wales
LIVE BIRTHS :						
Total	...	419	213	206		
Legitimate	...	392	202	190		
Illegitimate	...	27	11	16		

## LIVE BIRTH RATE (Comparability Factor 1.21)

per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	14.51	18.4
after application of comparability factor	...			...	17.6	
ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS :						
per cent of total live births		...	...	...	6.4	

## STILL BIRTHS :

Total	...	6	2	4
Legitimate	...	5	2	3
Illegitimate	...	1	—	1

## STILL BIRTH RATE :

per 1,000 total (live and still) births	...	...	...	14.1	16.3
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS : 425.					

## INFANT DEATHS :

## Deaths under one year of age

Total	...	6	2	4
Legitimate	...	5	1	4
Illegitimate	...	1	1	—

## Deaths under 4 weeks of age

Total	...	4	2	2
Legitimate	...	3	1	2
Illegitimate	...	1	1	—

## Deaths under one week of age

Total	...	4	2	2
Legitimate	...	3	1	2
Illegitimate	...	1	1	—



# INFANT MORTALITY RATE :

per 1,000 live births—Total	...	...	...	14.3	20.0
"    "    "    "—Legitimate	...	...	...	12.7	
"    "    "    "—Illegitimate	...	...	...	37.0	

# NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE :

(Deaths under 4 weeks)

per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	9.5	13.8
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# EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE :

(Deaths under 1 week)

per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	9.5	
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# PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE :

(Still births and deaths under 1 week combined)

per 1,000 total (live and still) births	...	...	...	23.5	
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# MATERNAL DEATHS :

(including abortion)	...	...	...	Nil	
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# MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE :

per 1,000 total (live and still) births	...	...	...	Nil	0.25
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DEATHS :	Total	Male	Female
	393	160	233

# DEATH RATE : (comparability factor 0.63)

per 1,000 population	...	...	...	13.6	11.3
after application of comparability factor	...	...	...	8.6	

# SPECIAL CAUSES :

Death rate per 1,000 population

Tuberculosis	...	...	...	0.14	0.05
Cancer (lung and bronchus)	...	...	...	0.48	0.53
Cancer (all causes)	...	...	...	2.43	2.21

# COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS :

(Since the District was formed in 1932)

Year	Population	Ringwood and Fordingbridge			ENGLAND and WALES		
		I.M.R.	B.R.	D.R.	I.M.R.	B.R.	D.R.
1932	18,400	60	15.4	12.6	65	15.3	12
1936	18,640	48	13.3	13.1	59	14.8	12.1
1940	20,430	45	14.1	13.2	55	14.6	14.3
1944	19,520	25	16.2	12.6	46	17.6	11.6
1948	22,270	28	20.3	10.8	34	17.9	10.8
1952	24,060	28	16.2	12.4	27	15.3	11.3
1956	25,000	27	15.0	19.4	23.8	15.7	11.7
1960	25,690	15	15.0	15.8	21.7	17.1	11.5
1961	26,850	26	15.5	15.1	21.4	17.4	12.0
1962	27,380	29	15.0	16.1	21.4	18.0	11.9
1963	28,030	21	15.6	15.7	20.9	18.2	12.2
1964	28,850	14	14.5	13.6	20.0	18.4	11.3

### CAUSES OF DEATH :

CAUSES OF DEATH:						Male	Female
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	...	3	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infection	...	...	...	...	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
8.	Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	1	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	3	4
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	10	4
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	—	6
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	—	5
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	20	18
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	1	3
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	—	2
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	17	38
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	42	28
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	3	2
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	18	36
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	5	18
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	—	—
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	12	27
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	8	6
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	1	—
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	—
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	—	2
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	—	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	2	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	1	3
32.	Other defined and ill defined disease	...	...	...	...	7	18
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	3	3
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	...	2	5
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	—	2
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	—	—
TOTAL (All causes)						160	233

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASE :

The Measles outbreak of the previous year carried over, in the Fordingbridge area, for the first few months of this year together with a small outbreak in the Bransgore area at about the same time.

Notifications were otherwise at a low level.

For the fifth successive year no Poliomyelitis was notified.

Notifications					Number
Measles	...	...	...	...	142
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	26
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	4
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	19
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	7
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	1

## TUBERCULOSIS :

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F	
No. on Register at 31.12.64	134	87	41	16	278
No. of new notifications	5	—	—	—	5
Transfer from other areas	2	1	—	—	3
Deaths	3	1	—	—	4

## LUNG CANCER :

14 deaths occurred from lung cancer, one more than the previous year, making an average of 12 deaths a year over the past ten years, but of 15 deaths a year over the past five. This rising trend is in keeping with the national death rate from this cause which continues to rise by nearly 1,000 a year. 25,371 people died in England and Wales in 1964 from this cause which represents an annual rate of 535 deaths per million of the population as against 188 per million in 1945—virtually a threefold increase in 20 years.

Repeated authoritative reports have incriminated cigarettes as the primary cause of this avoidable loss of life, yet the public takes little heed.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

### 1. LABORATORY FACILITIES :

The area is served by two constituent laboratories of the Public Health Laboratory Service. The one at Boscombe is under the direction of Dr. G. J. G. King, and that at Salisbury under Dr. P. J. Wormald. In each case the Directors are available as consultants in field work, in the District. The following list, kindly supplied by Dr. King, is of specimens from this District examined at the Boscombe Laboratory.

Milk (Whey)	...	...	...	4
Food	...	...	...	3
Water	...	...	...	83
Faeces	...	...	...	13
Ice Cream	...	...	...	2



## 2. HOSPITALS :

Hospital facilities are provided by the Regional Hospital Board.	
Fordingbridge Cottage Hospital	
Fordingbridge Infirmary	) aged and chronic sick
St. Leonard's Hospital	

The majority of patients requiring hospital treatment go to Bournemouth or Salisbury.

Cases of infectious disease go to Alderney Hospital, Poole.

### 3. TUBERCULOSIS :

The clinic facilities for the treatment, prevention and after-care of this infection are provided jointly by the Regional Hospital Board and the County Council. Chest Physicians hold joint appointments and specialist health visitors are provided by the County Council. Cases south of Fordingbridge come under the Chest Physician at Christchurch, Dr. Stuart Robertson, and those in the northern part of the area under Dr. J. S. Harper, Chest Physician at Salisbury.

## SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL

### 1. AMBULANCE SERVICE :

The area Ambulance Service is run from a main station at "Hillcroft," New Street, Lymington. There are sub-stations at Ringwood, Christchurch and New Milton. All ambulances are under wireless control. In order to ensure the effective use of the available vehicles all requests for service have to be made to the main station — Tel. No. Lymington 2331 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 8 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday. At other times calls are made to a central control at Winchester. Tel. No. Winchester 61644.

## 2. NURSING SERVICES :

The Nursing Services are administered locally by the District Health Sub-Committee.

Details of Nurses and their areas :—

## NORTHERN NURSING AREA

District Served	Name and Address	Service
Attached to Drs. Vickery, Straton and Vickery	Miss I. C. Durley, Nurse's House, Whitsbury Road, Fordingbridge. Tel. F'bridge 3185.	NURSE/MIDWIFE AND HEALTH VISITOR
Attached to Drs. Vickery, Straton and Vickery	Miss H.M. Casey, 2, Lower Bartons, Fordingbridge. Tel. F'bridge 2157.	NURSE/MIDWIFE AND HEALTH VISITOR
Fordingbridge area and north of it. (Attached to Dr. Hamber and for patients of doctors without attachment)	Mrs. A. J. Bolton, "Brentwood," Marle Lane, Sandleheath, Fordingbridge. Tel. Fordingbridge 3345.	NURSE/MIDWIFE HEALTH VISITOR

## SOUTHERN NURSING AREA

District Served	Name and Address	Service
Ringwood (part of) Hightown, Moortown, Kingston, Bisterne, Upper and Lower Bisterne, Crow and Crow Hill, Foulford.	Miss R. Howick, "Nestomi," 17, Highfield Avenue, Ringwood. Tel. Ringwood 3565.	NURSE/MIDWIFE
	Mrs. E. E. Arnold, 17, Kingsway, Ferndown, Dorset. Tel. Ferndown 3318.	HEALTH VISITOR
Ringwood (part of) Blashford, Ellingham, Ibsley, Mockbeggar, Linwood, Rockford, Poulner, Highwood, Linford & Shobley.	Miss M. Hoffman, Northfield, Poulner, Ringwood. Tel. Ringwood 3673.	NURSE/MIDWIFE
	Mrs. E. E. Arnold.	HEALTH VISITOR
Ringwood (part of) St. Leonards and St. Ives, Ashley, Harefield, Somerley, Waltham Estate, Nea Heath.	Miss A. M. Hill, Ferndale Villa, St. Ives, Ringwood. Tel. Ringwood 3196.	NURSE/MIDWIFE
	Mrs. E. E. Arnold.	HEALTH VISITOR
Attached to Dr. Howard, Burley.	Mrs. A. M. Powell, Sandy Shoot, Honey Lane, Burley. Tel. Burley 3185.	NURSE/MIDWIFE AND HEALTH VISITOR
Bransgore, Cuckoo Hill, Sopley, Ripley, Avon, Winkton, Bockhampton, Waterditch, Burton, Godwinscroft, Neacroft.	Miss H. Winder, Nurse's Cottage, 2, Meyrick Close, Bransgore, Nr. Christchurch. Tel. Bransgore 505.	NURSE/MIDWIFE AND HEALTH VISITOR
Hurn (but excluding The Airport).	Miss M. Ellwood, 2, Rothesay Drive, Highcliffe, Christchurch. Tel. Highcliffe 3426.	MIDWIFE
Hurn.	Miss D. Powell, 83, The Grove, Christchurch. Tel. Christchurch 1967.	NURSE
Hurn and Hurn Airport.	Mrs. M. A. Tate, 3, Warren Edge Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Tel. Bournemouth 47407.	HEALTH VISITOR
Relief work in Ringwood and Fordingbridge area	Miss I. E. Camm, 4, Elm Close, Fordingbridge. Tel. Fordingbridge 3225.	NURSE/MIDWIFE AND HEALTH VISITOR

## 3. HOME HELP SERVICE :

The Home Help Service is under the local administration of the District Health Sub-Committee.

The Divisional Organiser is Mrs. M. Bowler, Druitt Buildings, Christchurch. Telephone : Christchurch 900.



## 4. CHILD WELFARE CLINICS :

Child Welfare Centre	Place	Time
Breamore	Woodgreen Hall	First Thursday in month at 2.30 p.m.
Fordingbridge	Victoria Rooms	First and Third Tuesdays in month at 2.30 p.m.
Ringwood	Conway Hall	Every Wednesday at 2.30 p.m.
St. Leonards	District Hall	Fourth Tuesday in month at 2.30 p.m.
Bransgore	Village Hall	Second and Fourth Fridays in month at 2.30 p.m.
Burley	Myrtle Hall	Second and Fourth Wednesdays in month at 2.30 p.m.

## 5. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES :

School medical inspections are carried out periodically by Assistant County Medical Officers and Health Visitors.

Special clinics are held at the County Council Health Centre, Christchurch, and at the County Council Dental Clinic in Ringwood.

## 8. POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION :

This is carried out free of charge by family doctors and at Child Welfare Centres. Family doctors may, and normally do, charge for certificates of vaccination. In the past the records have been maintained by the County Medical Officer, but from 1st January 1965 they will be held by your Medical Officer of Health and the only records required will be for children under the age of 16.

143 primary vaccinations and 48 re-vaccinations were reported. These figures are excessively low and are probably affected by incomplete reporting.

7. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA,  
WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS :

The scheme is administered locally and the records maintained by your Medical Officer of Health on behalf of the County Medical Officer. Treatment is carried out by family doctors and, at Child Welfare Centres and schools, by Assistant County Medical Officers.

There was a further rise in the number of primary immunisations though reporting is still incomplete.

There was a decrease in the number of refresher doses but the figure is near the average of previous years.

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Immunisations completed under 5 years of age ...	...	363
Immunisations completed over 5 years of age ...	...	33
		<hr/> 396
Refresher Doses ...	...	408

Proportion of children born in previous

12 months immunised ... 68%

## 8. POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATIONS :

The scheme is administered locally and the records maintained by your Medical Officer of Health on behalf of the County Medical Officer. Treatment is largely carried out by family doctors but it is also given by Assistant County Medical Officers at Child Welfare Clinics.

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## ORAL VACCINE

Number who received three doses ... ..	405
Number who received re-inforcing doses ... ..	189

## SALK VACCINE

Number who received primary course of 2 doses ... ..	2
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## SCHOOLS :

All schools have waterborne sanitation:

## WATER SUPPLIES :

The District is supplied with water from the mains of the West Hampshire Water Company whose principal works are in the Borough of Christchurch, where the supply is taken from the River Avon. In 1957 the Company developed an additional source from deep boreholes in the chalk at Hale Park and this now supplies most of this District. The borehole water is subjected to marginal chlorination and is treated to remove excess dissolved carbon dioxide and iron.

Raw and treated waters from the Hale bores are examined twice a week at the Company's own water testing laboratory which is in charge of a qualified chemist and bacteriologist. In addition, periodic samples are sent to an outside laboratory.

During the year 73 samples of water were taken from sources of supply other than the mains; 40 of these were found to be unsatisfactory.

The following list gives the number of premises, in parishes, supplied with main water as noted in the Water Company's records :

Parish	Separately assessed domestic dwellings	Approximate population supplied
Martin ... ..	121	345
Rockbourne ... ..	143	407
Whitsbury ... ..	70	199
Breamore ... ..	90	256
Hale ... ..	178	507
Woodgreen ... ..	174	496
Damerham ... ..	137	390
Fordingbridge ... ..	1572	4481
Harbridge and Ibsley ...	132	376
Ellingham ... ..	187	533
St. Leonards and St. Ives ...	1212	3454
Ringwood ... ..	2888	8231
Burley ... ..	558	1590
Hurn ... ..	96	274
Sopley ... ..	277	789
Christchurch East ... ..	1328	3785

Standpipes are installed at six cottages at Lower Daggons.

A typical result of an examination of a sample of the treated water from the Hale borehole is shown below :—

**THE COUNTIES PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES**  
**ANALYSIS OF A SAMPLE OF WATER** received on 25.8.64 from  
**WEST HAMPSHIRE WATER COMPANY**  
**CHEMICAL RESULTS IN PARTS PER MILLION**

Appearance : Clear and bright.

Turbidity : (A.P.H.A. units) : Nil.

Colour (Hazen) : Nil.

pH : 7.8.

Electric Conductivity : 475.

Chlorine present as Chloride : 18.

Hardness : Total 270. Carbonate 220.

Nitrate Nitrogen : 3.7.

Ammoniacal Nitrogen : 0.04.

Albuminoid Nitrogen : 0.00.

Metals : Iron 0.12. Zinc, Copper

Odour : Nil:

Free Carbon Dioxide : 7.

Dissolved Solids dried at 180°C. : 330.

Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate : 220.

Non-carbonate 50.

Nitrite Nitrogen : absent.

Oxygen Absorbed : 0.25.

Residual Chlorine : 0.17.

and Lead : absent.

**BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS**

Number of colonies developing on Agar	1 day at 37°C. 0 per ml. Present in	2 days at 37°C. 1 per ml. Absent from	3 days at 20-22°C. 1 per ml. Most probable number
Presumptive coliform reaction	— ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Bact. coli. (Type 1)	... — ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Cl. welchii reaction	... — ml.	100 ml.	

This sample is clear and bright in appearance, has a reaction on the alkaline side of neutrality and is free from metals apart from a minute trace of iron. The water is hard in character but its hardness and its content of mineral and saline constituents in solution are not excessive. It conforms to the highest standard of organic quality and bacterial purity.

These results are considered satisfactory and indicate a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.



## SEWAGE DISPOSAL :

Work on the extensions to the Ringwood sewers continued steadily throughout the year and is expected to be completed about mid 1965. The construction of the new sewage disposal works commenced in March and should be complete by Autumn 1965.

The Council agreed on the phasing of the St. Leonards and St. Ives and the Bransgore and Thorney Hill schemes. In St. Leonards and St. Ives all trunk surface water sewers and soil sewers in specified roads due to be made up will be dealt with as Stage 1 and commenced as soon as possible, followed by the Bransgore and Thorney Hill scheme, which in turn will be followed by the remainder of the work at St. Leonards and St. Ives. In each case there will be overlap between the later stages of one scheme and the commencement of the next.

## MILK AND DAIRIES:

Milk production in the area is supervised by officials of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Retail Distribution is supervised by officers of this Council.

There is no pasteurising plant within the District.

The following table shows the number of registered Dairy Farmers in the District at the end of 1964.

					Registered Producers	"Untreated milk" licence holders
Martin	...	...	...	...	7	
Rockbourne	...	...	...	...	9	
Whitsbury	...	...	...	...	1	
Breamore	...	...	...	...	10	
Hale	...	...	...	...	8	
Woodgreen	...	...	...	...	3	
Damerham	...	...	...	...	8	
Fordingbridge	...	...	...	...	37	3
Harbridge and Ibsley	...	...	...	...	12	1
Ellingham	...	...	...	...	11	
St. Leonards and St. Ives	...	...	...	...	7	
Ringwood	...	...	...	...	28	3
Burley	...	...	...	...	5	
Hurn	...	...	...	...	6	1
Sopley	...	...	...	...	23	
Christchurch East	...	...	...	...	24	
					<hr/> 199	<hr/> 8

The details have been kindly supplied by the Divisional Executive Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

It should be noted that as a result of the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1963, T.T. licensing ended on 1st October 1964.

## SAMPLING OF FOOD AND DRUGS :

The County Council is the sampling authority and the following report on sampling within this District has been kindly supplied by Mr. J. S. Preston, Chief Sampling Officer :

During the year ended 31st March 1965, 165 samples were taken under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, within the area of the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Rural District Council.

## 1. Milk Samples—

144 milk samples, including 41 of Channel Islands, were obtained, 16 being unsatisfactory, due to added water (5), fat deficiencies (7), added water and fat deficiencies (2) and antibiotics (2).

The seven samples which contained added water, including two which were also deficient of fat affected one producer, who was supplying Channel Islands milk to a retailer for subsequent bottling and distribution to consumers. The case arose from a sample which was purchased from the retailer, this showing the presence of 10 per cent of added water and a small fat deficiency of 2 per cent. Further samples of the milk received by the retailer and at the producer's farm revealed added water, and in one case a further fat deficiency, and proceedings were taken against the producer in respect of the samples obtained from him and, by virtue of a special Section of the Act, those purchased from the retailer. The defendant was fined a total of £21 and ordered to pay £5 costs.

Of the seven samples which were deficient of fat, six did not involve offences under the Act as they were from individual churns of milk included in larger consignments, the average fat content in each case being satisfactory. The remaining sample was from a pint bottle of Channel Islands milk, which had been processed in a neighbouring area. The discrepancy was small (the fat content being 3.85 per cent instead of the required minimum 4 per cent for this variety of milk) but the matter was referred to the dairy at which the milk had been processed and further samples proved satisfactory.

The two samples which showed the presence of antibiotics contained not more than 0.03 international units per millilitre of penicillin, amounts which were not considered sufficient to warrant serious action. The results were made known to the producers, however, and further checks of subsequent consignments of the milk showed it to be free from contamination.

## 2. Miscellaneous—

21 samples of articles other than milk were taken, three only being unsatisfactory. Of these, two consisted of honey and one of honey comb which were sold under the description "English" but which were reported to contain pollens indicating the presence of imported honey. The matter was fully investigated but it was not considered that there was sufficient proof of any offence under the Food and Drugs or Merchandise Marks Acts. Consequently, no action was taken although the producers were advised of the requirements under the Merchandise Marks Act relating to the marking of imported honey.

## 3. General—

Attention was also given to the provisions of the Labelling of Food Order and the Pharmacy and Medicines Act in connection with their application to the labelling and descriptions of food and drugs. No serious irregularities were found but certain minor modifications of labels were secured following reference to the packers responsible.



## FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES :

The systematic survey of food premises continues; 4 were inspected for the first time and 40 reinspections were made. The general standard of such premises is satisfactory.

The Aberdeen Typhoid outbreak involved 489 visits to 246 food premises in order to ascertain the prevalence of 6 lb. tins of corned beef and tinned tongue, of certain specified batches, which were considered to be potentially infected. The premises included grocers, butchers and fishmongers' shops, cafes, hotels, public houses, canteens, hospitals and private schools. Only one tin of the suspect material was discovered and when this was submitted to the laboratory it was found free from infection.

## HOUSING :

72 Council houses were completed during the year and there has been a small reduction in the waiting list.

Private construction showed a moderate increase.

The survey of unfit houses continued; 79 houses were inspected, 11 unfit dwellings were demolished and 57 were made fit as the result of informal action.

No. on Housing Waiting List 31.12.64	...	...	293
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No. of Council Houses completed in 1964	...	...	72
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No. of Private Houses completed in 1964	...	...	261
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Dwellings administered by the Council at 31.12.64 :

Permanent Houses	...	...	...	...	1,192
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Prefabs	...	...	...	...	50
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## THORNEY HILL REHABILITATION CENTRE :

This Centre was opened during the year by the County Welfare Department on the site of the former gipsy compound. Twelve prefabs were erected for gipsy families with a further two for a social worker and a warden.

The aim is to educate our indigenous compound dwellers up to a standard suitable for normal council housing. Under a dedicated social worker, Miss Mollie Swift, the early results are encouraging.

Initial planning permission is for five years. Further ventures of this kind are being established elsewhere in the County.

## PROBLEM FAMILIES MEETINGS :

Three further meetings of officials, voluntary workers and Councillors concerned with, or interested in, certain families were held under my Chairmanship. These meetings are, in effect, informal discussion groups with members combining to complete the picture and expose different aspects of each problem. The meetings continue to serve a useful purpose in collating information from many different sources.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 : SECTION 47 :

One old woman was considered for action during the year. She lived alone and was physically seriously handicapped. She had been able to remain at home solely through the kindness and self sacrifice of a neighbour, herself a sick woman, and now finding it impossible to continue. With great difficulty she was persuaded to enter hospital where she remained.

## HURN AIRPORT :

As envisaged last year there has been a reduction in the car ferry service owing to the competition of the new sea car ferry services. This reduction has been to a considerable extent offset by an increase in the normal air freight traffic, particularly from the Channel Islands. The passenger traffic figures have been maintained but the impending completion of the hard run-way at Southampton is likely to cause a marked increase in the services using that Airport to the detriment of Hurn.

The Airport remains in use for flight testing, flying training and air traffic control instruction. The Air Traffic Control School is installed in a new building. Few diversions now reach the Airport and indeed the Airport is not suitable for some of the very large aircraft now in service.

Dr. J. Cauchi and myself remain on call for emergency port medical duties including the medical inspection of aliens and commonwealth immigrants. Dr. T. J. Barnett is fully committed elsewhere but remains available in extreme emergency.

## PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS :

The only public swimming bath in the District is the open air pool at Ringwood which is run by the Parish Council and which was fully described in the 1959 report. The water is drawn from the mains and is continuously circulated, filtered and chlorinated.

14 samples from the pool were subjected to laboratory examination with satisfactory results on each occasion.

## GENERAL REMARKS

The health of the District was satisfactory throughout the year.

The Measles outbreak of the previous year spilled over into the early part of this year but otherwise notifiable disease was at a low level.

The estimated mid-year population increased by 820 to 28,850.

Births exceeded deaths by 26. This is the largest excess since 1953 and only the third time that births have exceeded deaths in the past ten years. None the less the birth rate was at its lowest level since 1959.

The infant mortality rate again fell and was at its lowest since 1959, well below the national figure itself at a record low level.

The number of deaths was the lowest since 1959, and this in spite of a rise in population of 3,320 in that interval. The death rate was the lowest for 10 years.

Continued progress was made with slum clearance.

Plans are now virtually complete to sewer all the urbanised areas of the District. The work at Ringwood is well advanced and a scheme of priorities for the other areas has been agreed.

In conclusion, I wish again to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their kindness and consideration, my colleagues in other departments for their advice and assistance, and in particular Mr. Upstone and his Staff for their pleasant co-operation.

D. J. N. McNAB,  
Medical Officer of Health.

June, 1965.

**FACTORIES ACT, 1961**  
**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN**  
**RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1964 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF**  
**RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE.**

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the  
 Factories Act, 1961

**Part 1 of the Act**

1. INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors):

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	19	6	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	118	9	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out - workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	137	15	—	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	1	1	—	—	—



**Part VIII of the Act**  
**OUTWORK** (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work  (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out- workers in Aug. list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions ( 7)
Wearing Apparel (Making, etc.)	32	—	—	—	—	—
(Cleaning & Washing)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Plastic Goods	6	—	—	—	—	—
Threading necklaces, etc.	2	—	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF  
RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE

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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Chief Public Health Inspector  
and Surveyor

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FOR THE YEAR

1964





Public Offices,  
Ringwood.

June, 1965.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE RURAL DISTRICT  
COUNCIL OF RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report as your Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor dealing with the work carried out by my Department during the year 1964.

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS :

Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	700
Rent Act	...	...	...	...	...	7
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act	...					666
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	543
Gypsy Camps	...	...	...	...	...	17
Nuisances and Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	694
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	85
Meat and other Foods	...	...	...	...	...	27
Knacker's Yards	...	...	...	...	...	1
Food and Drugs	...	...	...	...	...	673
Watercress Beds	...	...	...	...	...	3
Milk and Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	13
Clean Air Act	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pet Animals Act	...	...	...	...	...	4
Shops Act	...	...	...	...	...	4
Factories Act	...	...	...	...	...	15
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	564
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	6
Animal Boarding Establishments Act	...	...	...	...	...	46
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	...	...	...	...	...	21
Agricultural (Health and Welfare) Act	...	...	...	...	...	6
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	...	3,264
Ringwood Sewerage	...	...	...	...	...	32
Ringwood Sewerage, Capital Works	...	...	...	...	...	203
Fordingbridge Sewerage	...	...	...	...	...	45
Burton and Winkton Sewerage	...	...	...	...	...	11
Other Sewerage Schemes, Capital Works	...	...	...	...	...	25
Surface Water Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	85
Swimming Baths	...	...	...	...	...	18
Public Cleansing	...	...	...	...	...	54
Other Services administered by the Council	...	...	...	...	...	451
Petroleum and Carbide	...	...	...	...	...	134
Building Byelaws	...	...	...	...	...	5,214
New Street Byelaws	...	...	...	...	...	27
Town and Country Planning	...	...	...	...	...	1,773
Dangerous Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	3
Housing Sites	...	...	...	...	...	48
Housing Estate Maintenance	...	...	...	...	...	4,008
Housing Estates, Capital Works	...	...	...	...	...	136
Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts	...	...	...	...	...	191

Legal Proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	9
Land Charges	...	...	...	...	...	22
Removal of Vehicles (England and Wales) Regulations						6
Diversion of Footpaths	...	...	...	...	...	3
Local Authorities (Historic Buildings) Act	...	...				1
Unclassifiable	...	...	...	...	...	79
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## HOUSING :

### HOUSING ACT, 1964 :

This Act, parts of which came into force on the 16th July and the remainder on the 16th August, sets up a new Housing Corporation to assist Housing Societies, confers new compulsory powers on local authorities to secure improvement of houses, amends the improvement grant system and strengthens the powers of local authorities in dealing with houses in multi-occupation. It is hoped that the new provisions will secure that improvable older houses which lack amenities and which still have a reasonable life are provided with hot water, a fixed bath or shower, a wash-hand basin, an inside water closet and satisfactory facilities for storing food.

Local authorities are empowered to declare Improvement Areas, in which they consider the houses should be repaired to the full standard on similar lines to that of Standard Grants, or to what is known as a Reduced Standard. This is a permissive power and applies to tenanted dwellings, and the approval of the tenant must be obtained.

Where a tenant occupies a dwelling without any of the amenities and which is outside an improvement area, he may make representations in writing to the Council that they exercise their powers to secure the improvement of the house.

Local authorities must advance loans to meet expenses incurred by owners whose property is the subject of compulsory improvement, and where they have served an immediate improvement notice or final improvement notice in their proceeding to secure improvement of a house the person having control of the dwelling may by notice in writing within six months of the date of the notice becoming operative require the local authority to purchase his interest in the premises.

The "Reduced Standard", viz : a hot and cold water supply at a sink and a water closet and satisfactory facilities for storing food, may be applied to all houses, whether the subject of compulsory improvement or on application by the owner of a house not the subject of compulsory improvement, and in the latter case is subject to Grant aid, notwithstanding that the house is not already provided with the remainder of the full standard amenities.

In both cases, however, the local authority must be satisfied that the house in question is not capable of improvement to the full standard at reasonable expense.

Standard amenities have been re-defined for Standard Grant purposes and maximum amounts payable amended; the limit shall depend on the number of items provided and shall be the total of the amounts specified for those items, or £350, whichever is the less.

## SLUM CLEARANCE :

The survey of houses unfit for human habitation was continued, this being the fourth year of the second 5-year programme of the Slum Clearance Campaign, most of the work being concentrated in the Parish of Christchurch East. A total of 79 houses was inspected and reports made to the Housing Committee in respect of 7 houses unfit for human habitation and not capable of being made fit at reasonable expense. 11 unfit dwellings were demolished, and 57 unfit dwellings made fit as a result of informal action.

The following summary shows the number of dwellings dealt with by demolition, closing and repair under the Housing and Public Health Acts since 1956.

	1964	1963	1962	1961	1956-1960
1. Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ...	22	4	18	15	73
1a. Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...	2	5	3	1	6
2. Houses included in Clearance Areas ... ..	—	—	6	—	20
3. Houses Demolished ... ..	11	15	12	30	43
3a. Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders revoked ..	9	4	5	2	1
4. Houses in respect of which Undertakings to Make Fit accepted	1	—	3	1	10
5. Unfit Houses closed on Undertakings ... ..	—	—	—	—	39
6. Unfit Houses made fit					
(a) by informal action ... ..	57	42	51	81	164
(b) by formal action ... ..	3	8	9	8	18

In one case a Closing Order was substituted for a Demolition Order.

At the end of 1964 Orders and Undertakings were still outstanding on 93 dwellings as follows :—

Demolition Orders ... ..	49
Closing Orders ... ..	13
Clearance Orders ... ..	10
Undertakings to Make Fit ...	1
Undertakings to Keep Vacant	20

Three hundred and seventy-eight visits and inspections were made.

## RENT ACT, 1957 :

One application for a Certificate of Disrepair was received but subsequently withdrawn.

Seven visits and inspections were made.



## IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS :

92 preliminary enquiries were received during the year, 33 in respect of Discretionary Grants and 59 in respect of Standard Grants.

16 applications for Discretionary Grants were approved for 16 units of accommodation, 4 for owner-occupation and 12 for tenanted properties, the total amount approved being £5,600. 2 applications were refused, one where the cost of improvements and repairs was considered to approach the cost of a new dwelling, and the other where the Committee held that the works proposed were merely the change-over from one system of drainage to another, and thus not eligible for Grant. The Council agreed that a rent in excess of the limit imposed by Section 20 of the Rent Act, 1957, should be charged in one case; also that for one dwelling the consent of the Ministry should be sought to waive the requirement that the bedroom ceilings be a minimum of 7' 0".

Since the inception of the Discretionary Grant scheme in 1951, 225 applications have been approved for 275 units of accommodation, including the conversion of 7 stabling blocks into 8 units and one house which was converted into four flats for aged persons.

45 applications for Standard Grants were approved, the total possible maximum Grant involved being £7,615. 1 application was refused, where it was not possible to certify that the dwelling would provide satisfactory accommodation for a further fifteen years. 233 Standard Grants have been approved since the introduction of the scheme in June 1959. The Council agreed that rents in excess of the limit imposed by the Rent Act should be charged in six cases.

At the 31st December 1964 the total amount paid in Discretionary Grants, allowing for Grants withdrawn or repaid, amounted to £71,819, the total amount approved by the Council being £82,067. The total amount paid in respect of Standard Grants, allowing for Grants withdrawn or repaid, amounted to £17,210, and the total amount approved £32,829.

One hundred and fourteen visits and inspections were made in respect of Discretionary Grants and two hundred and eight in respect of Standard Grants.

## CARAVAN SITES AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS :

### CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960 :

The following table gives the position at the end of 1964 :—

	No. of Sites	No. of Caravans
Sites with permanent planning permission and site licences for residential caravans (including 1 site for 100 caravans and 1 site for 220 caravans)	47	541
Sites with permanent planning permission and site licences for holiday caravans (including 1 site for 100 caravans and 1 site for 70 caravans)	7	268
Sites with temporary planning permission and site licences ... ..	60	76
Sites subject to Enforcement Notices ...	15	41



Applications for site licences were refused in fifteen instances where Planning permission had been refused or Enforcement Notices served.

No legal proceedings were instituted under this Act.

Tenders were considered for the construction of the municipal caravan site at North Poulner Road, Ringwood; this site is intended to cater for caravans at present on sites subject to Enforcement Notices or with temporary Planning permission only.

At the Gravel Pit, Godshill, a site leased by the Council and reserved for the use of gypsies, travellers and the like, six of the twelve available standings are occupied.

The caravan and camping site for 200 caravans and 100 tents established by the Forestry Commission at Holmsley Airfield came into use during the year.

A comprehensive survey was made of land to the south of Trunk Road A.31, St. Leonards and St. Ives, including the land being acquired by the County Council for afforestation purposes, in order to establish which caravans should be re-sited on the Council's proposed site at North Poulner Road and to decide the action to be taken in respect of other caravans.

Six hundred and sixty-six visits and inspections were made.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 269 :

An application was received for a licence to use land as a site for up to 60 tents; Planning permission had been refused although the Minister, after Appeal, agreed that the site had existing use rights. The licence was granted as a result of this decision, although the County Council subsequently decided to make a Discontinuance Order. One other application was refused. Sites for camping cannot be controlled under this section if used for less than 42 consecutive days or less than 60 days in any one year.

Licences were granted to two sites for the retention of seven timber chalets, where existing use rights had been established and Planning permission obtained.

#### GYPSY CAMPS :

The Rehabilitation Centre at Thorneyhill constructed by the County Council to house and train the twelve families living on the Thorneyhill Compound, together with two other families elsewhere in the district, came into use on the 1st August, and is already proving successful. The Council, co-operating with the County Welfare Committee, endeavoured to purchase and obtain Planning approval for two sites at Thorneyhill and Bransgore for the erection of dwellings to accommodate problem families after such training at the Centre, but because of Planning difficulties it was agreed to review the question in twelve months' time. The Housing Committee has already agreed to give "reasonable priority" to the acceptance of these families as Council house tenants after completion of their training period.

Seventeen inspections of sites were made during the year.

## NUISANCES AND COMPLAINTS :

176 complaints were received during the year, which involved a total of six hundred and ninety-four visits. Details are as follows :—

Nature of Nuisance	Complaints Received	Number of Visits
Insanitary conditions ... ..	15	19
Unsatisfactory and insufficient water supplies ... ..	3	16
Noise ... ..	12	47
Dust, effluvia or smoke ... ..	13	50
Fly infestations ... ..	6	15
Offensive smells ... ..	24	83
Cesspools and drains ... ..	23	317
Milk and Dairies ... ..	1	1
Food ... ..	3	21
Animals ... ..	2	4
Offensive accumulations ... ..	13	29
Offensive and obstructed ditches ... ..	24	29
Flooding and surface water drainage ... ..	15	19
Miscellaneous ... ..	22	44
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Statutory action was taken as follows :—

<b>Public Health Act, 1936, Section 39</b> Requiring the execution of works of drainage etc. to existing buildings	1 outstanding Notice complied with.
<b>Public Health Act, 1936, Section 50</b> Requiring works to remedy overflowing and leaking cesspools.	2 Notices served.
<b>Public Health Act, 1936, Section 93</b> Requiring the abatement of a nuisance. (In these cases premises in such a state as to be prejudicial to health).	1 Notice served. 1 Notice complied with. 1 outstanding Notice complied with.

A petition signed by twenty-two local residents was received strongly protesting against the spraying of liquid manure on to farm land at Fordingbridge (a practice recommended by the River Boards and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) claiming that this damaged washing, contaminated crops and filled houses with an obnoxious smell; the matter was resolved by informal action. It appeared that it was the method of spraying rather than the actual deposit which was the cause of complaint, and the Council agreed that in any future case an Abatement Notice would be served under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

## CLEAN AIR ACT :

Complaints were received of nuisance caused by the burning of paper, boxes and floor sweepings from a bakery; an informal notice was served and the nuisance was abated.

## WATER SUPPLIES :

73 samples of water were collected for bacteriological examination.

One Notice under Section 138 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (as amended by Section 30 of the Water Act, 1945) was served on the owner of a property at Bleak Hill, Harbridge, and works were put in hand. As a result of informal action mains water was provided to a property at Hale Purlieu, where the supply was found to be grossly polluted.

Eighty-five visits and inspections were made (excluding those following complaints).

## SWIMMING POOL :

14 samples were collected from the public Swimming Pool at Ringwood for bacteriological examination.

Eighteen visits and inspections were made.

## MEAT AND OTHER FOODS :

Twenty-seven visits and inspections were made.

## SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS :

Under the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958, six licences were issued to slaughtermen. Licensees are permitted to slaughter horses, asses and mules within this local authority's district only, and swine, cattle, sheep and goats in any district.

One knacker's yard licence was renewed.

## FOOD AND DRUGS :

Nine complaints were investigated with a view to prosecution under Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. After careful consideration of the following seven the Council decided not to institute proceedings :—

Small white loaf containing black particles of mineral oil and iron;

“Silver Mint” sweet containing small particle of wood;

Gorgonzola cheese containing larvae of Muscid Fly;

Pork pie alleged to contain mould;

Tins of discoloured and lumpy evaporated milk;

Mouldy sliced wrapped bread; and

Wholemeal loaf with hemp strands on crust,

but to institute proceedings in respect of the other two cases, namely :—

Wrapped loaf with a cricket embedded in crust, and

Bottle of milk containing puparia of Fruit Fly.

In the latter case the hearing was withdrawn from the Ringwood Magistrates' Court on the advice of the Council's Solicitor and referred to the Wimborne and Cranborne Rural District Council, as the defendant had challenged the right of the Ringwood Court to hear the case on the grounds that the alleged offence did not take place within the area of its jurisdiction. The Wimborne and Cranborne Rural District Council did not prosecute.

In connection with the tins of discoloured and lumpy evaporated milk, investigations revealed that these had been canned in June 1962, and it was agreed that representations be made to the Rural District Councils' Association that all canned and wrapped food should be required to be marked with the date of manufacture; the Association replied that the



matter had been taken up with the Ministry of Health, who considered that as so much depended on the ingredients and on the conditions under which the foodstuffs were stored at the place of manufacture, during transit to and during storage at the retailer's shop, no useful purpose would be served by making it compulsory for all such foods to be stamped with the date of manufacture.

Consequent upon the outbreak of Typhoid Fever in Aberdeen in May and June, 246 premises in the district were visited for the purpose of checking cans of corned beef and tongue imported from Argentina and Paraguay bearing a certain identifying code and number. Four hundred and eighty-nine visits and inspections were made.

The Council agreed that the Rural District Councils' Association be asked to press for legislation to secure that all garden and household sprays should be clearly labelled as to the chemical content of each, in view of the fact that some sprays contain toxic chemicals.

#### FOOD HYGIENE :

4 premises were initially inspected and 47 premises re-inspected under the Food Hygiene Regulations. 6 informal notices were served.

The following table shows action taken since the Regulations came into operation :—

	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956
Premises inspected	4	4	10	85	54	21	28	68	65
Informal Notices served	6	4	19	105	28	11	5	63	65
Notices complied with	47	112	16	6	6	—	5	11	3

One Certificate of Exemption was issued in respect of wash-hand basin facilities.

Informal action was taken with regard to a meat delivery van from Totton delivering to a butcher in Ringwood, which was found to contravene the Regulations in a number of respects.

No prosecutions were made under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Six hundred and seventy-three inspections including those under the Food Hygiene Regulations were made in connection with food premises as follows :—

	Number on Register					Inspections
Food Shops ... ..	...	...	...	...	159	44
Bakehouses ... ..	...	...	...	...	8	21
Restaurant Kitchens ... ..	...	...	...	...	90	36
Ice Cream Premises (Section 16) ... ..	...	...	...	...	124	3
Preserved Food Premises (Section 16) ... ..	...	...	...	...	17	1
Licensed Premises and Registered Clubs	...	...	...	...	93	39
Market Stalls	...	...	...	...		464
Other Stalls	...	...	...	...		5
Mobile Vans	...	...	...	...		5
General	...	...	...	...		55
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Two samples of ice cream were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination, with satisfactory results.

#### WATERCRESS BEDS :

Three inspections of watercress beds were made during the year.



## MILK AND DAIRIES :

### MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959 :

These Regulations require the Council to keep a Register of persons carrying on the trade of milk distributor at or from premises within the district and also of premises used as dairies, other than dairy farms.

Number of Registered Distributors ... ..	22
Number of Registered Dairies ... ..	7

No prosecutions were made under these Regulations.

Thirteen visits and inspections were made.

### MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS, 1963 :

These Regulations came into force in October and revoked the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960. The following licences issued under these latter Regulations expire on the 31st December, 1965 :—

#### Dealers' (Pre-Packed Milk) Licences

Licences for Pasteurised, Tuberculin Tested and

	Sterilised Milk	5
Licences for Pasteurised, Tuberculin Tested Milk ... ..		7
Licences for Pasteurised Milk ... ..		2
		—
		14

Dealers' Licences to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk ... .. 2

Dealers' (Pasteurised) Licences ... .. 1

The following licences were issued under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963, and also expire on the 31st December, 1965 :—

#### Dealers' (Pre-Packed Milk) Licences

Dealers' Licences to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk ... ..	7
Licences for Sterilised Milk ... ..	5
Licences for Untreated Milk ... ..	1

The Council exercised the functions of the County Council in connection with the issue of licences to dealers.

Samples of milk are taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for biological examination, phosphatase, methylene blue and turbidity tests.

## SHOPS ACT, 1950 :

Number on Register ... .. 332

Six Certificates of Exemption respecting sanitary accommodation were issued.

Under this Act, the Council was responsible, as sanitary authority, for enforcing provisions relating to ventilation, temperature and sanitary conveniences; the County Council, as the Shops Act Authority, was responsible for provisions relating to lighting, washing facilities, facilities for taking meals and seats for female shop assistants. These provisions were repealed, as from 1st August, and re-enacted under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, and are all now the responsibility of this Council.

Four visits and inspections were made.

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963 :

This Act makes provision for the safety, health and welfare of persons employed in such premises; certain Sections, including the requirement to register premises, came into force on the 1st May, with most of the main provisions operating from the 1st August. It is estimated that there are approximately 466 shops and offices within the district; 190 registrations have been received. The Act applies to all these premises other than family businesses employing only the husband, wife, parent, grandparent, son, daughter, grandchild, brother or sister of the owner, or premises where the hours worked by an employee do not normally exceed a total of 21 per week.

Twenty-one visits and inspections were made.

## FACTORIES ACT :

Number on Register	...	...	...	...	...	137
Inspections made — factories	...	...	...	...	...	15
— outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

The Council is responsible for enforcing the provisions relating to sanitary conveniences in all factories, and the provisions dealing with cleanliness, overcrowding, temperature, ventilation and drainage of floors in those factories not using machine power.

One informal notice under Section 7, in respect of sanitary accommodation, was served and complied with.

## SCRAP METAL MERCHANTS :

1 dealer is registered under Section 86 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907.

The Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964, comes into force on the 1st April 1965 and requires scrap metal dealers to be registered with the local authority in whose area they carry on business.

## NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES :

Five hundred and sixty-four visits and inspections were made, including those consequent upon the Aberdeen epidemic.

## FOOD POISONING :

Six visits and inspections were made.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT :

No Statutory action was taken under this Act.

## AGRICULTURAL (HEALTH AND WELFARE) ACT :

No Statutory action was taken under this Act.  
Six visits and inspections were made.

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949 :

The following summary shows the work carried out during the year. A total of three thousand, two hundred and sixty-four visits and inspections was made.

	TYPES OF PROPERTY		
	Dwelling houses	All other incl. business premises	Agricultural premises
No. of properties in the district ...	9210	1328	784
No. of properties inspected as a result of :—			
(a) Notification ... ..	174	28	43
(b) Survey under the Act ...	2277	69	132
No. of inspections made by Rodent Operative, including re-inspections ...	2908	98	258
No. of properties which were found to be infested by			
(a) Rats—major infestations ...	—	—	7
Rats—minor infestations ..	343	19	71
(b) Mice—major infestations ...	—	—	3
Mice—minor infestations ...	72	9	57

The Workable Area Committee meets annually for the discussion of rodent control problems and pests generally. The area covered by the Committee consists of the Districts of Bournemouth County Borough, Christchurch Borough, Lymington Borough, New Forest Rural District and Ringwood and Fordingbridge Rural District.

## ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963 :

This Act came into operation on the 1st January 1964, and prohibits the keeping of boarding establishments for cats or dogs except under the authority of a licence granted by a local authority, for which a fee not exceeding 10/- per annum may be charged. Conditions to be attached to licences were agreed and 16 licences issued.

The purpose of the Act is to secure that all animals are housed in accommodation suitable as regards construction, size, temperature, ventilation and cleanliness, that they are supplied with food and drink, bedding material and exercise, that all reasonable precautions are taken to control and prevent the spread of disease, and that appropriate steps are taken for the protection of the animals in case of fire or other emergency. This Act applies only to cats and dogs.

Forty-six visits and inspections were made.

## PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951 :

2 applications were received for licences to keep pet shops, which were approved.

The Act provides that animals shall at all times be kept in suitable accommodation regarding size, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness, be supplied with food and drink and not be sold at too early an age, and that all reasonable precautions shall be taken to prevent the spread of disease or in case of fire.

Four visits and inspections were made.



## REMOVAL OF VEHICLES (ENGLAND AND WALES)

### REGULATIONS, 1961 :

Under these Regulations the Council are empowered to secure the removal of any vehicle which appears to have been abandoned from any road but not from privately owned land. Any vehicle removed by the Council may be sold or scrapped if the owner cannot be traced or, if known, fails to remove it. The cost incurred by the Council in removing and disposing of a vehicle may be recovered from any known owner. Four vehicles were found abandoned in the District and action was taken under the Regulations to secure their removal.

A total of 8 vehicles has now been dealt with under these Regulations, at a cost to this Council of £8 5s. 0d., of which the sum of £1 0s. 0d. has been recovered.

Six visits and inspections were made.

### SERVICES ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNCIL :

	Visits made
Refuse Collection and Disposal ... ..	50
Street Cleansing ... ..	4
Ringwood Sewerage ... ..	32
Ringwood Sewerage, Capital Works ... ..	203
Fordingbridge Sewerage ... ..	45
Burton and Winkton Sewerage ... ..	11
Bransgore Sewerage, Capital Works ... ..	5
St. Leonards and St. Ives Sewerage, Capital Works ... ..	19
Burley Sewerage, Capital Works ... ..	1
Surface Water Drainage ... ..	85
Public Conveniences ... ..	273
Cattle Pound ... ..	4
Car Parks ... ..	20
Ditching ... ..	37
Street Name Plates ... ..	14
Street Numbering ... ..	55

### SEWERAGE :

The Council considered a joint report by the Medical Officer of Health and myself regarding the public health aspects of drainage conditions at Bransgore, Burley, and St. Leonards and St. Ives, and agreed that Stage I of the St. Leonards and St. Ives sewerage and surface water drainage scheme should be placed first, followed by Bransgore and Thorneyhill, Stage II of the St. Leonards and St. Ives scheme and then Burley, with the proviso that if the Ministry would not approve the Bransgore and Thorneyhill scheme until the question of the availability of the disposal works at Christchurch had been resolved, the positions in the programme of Bransgore and Thorneyhill and Burley be transposed.

### RINGWOOD :

During the year 73 premises were connected to the sewer, making a total at December 31st of 1,759, including 498 Council houses.



The estimated highest daily flow was 362,700 gallons in June, following the wettest month of the year, May, when 4.26 inches of rain were recorded; the estimated lowest daily flow was 169,000 gallons in November, following five months with very little rainfall, 6.67 inches, June to October.

Works on the first contract, the extensions to the sewerage area and building of pumping stations, costing £246,074, which were commenced in July 1963, proceeded satisfactorily throughout the year, and it is estimated that they will be completed in June 1965; new sewers constructed in Highfield Road, Highfield Drive (part), Highfield Avenue (part), Meadow Road and Hampton Drive (part) were taken over from the Contractors.

Works on the second contract, the construction of the sewage disposal works, costing £178,012, commenced in March, and it is estimated that they will be completed in September 1965.

#### FORDINGBRIDGE :

During the year 23 premises were connected to the sewer, making a total at December 31st of 728, including 202 Council houses.

An application was received to discharge 2,000 gallons per day of trade effluent, consisting of mains water only, to the sewers; consent was given subject to certain conditions and an annual payment of £10.

A sewer to serve an estate of 16 dwellings at Manor Farm Road, Sandleheath, was completed by a private developer in July and vested in the Council as a public sewer.

During the year 37,337,000 gallons of sewage, including re-circulation, were pumped through these works. The inflow to the works after making adjustment for flow returned to the pumps from humus and settlement tanks was estimated to be 33,687,000 gallons. The highest daily flow was recorded in June, 340,000 gallons, and the lowest in December, 67,000 gallons.

The new pumping station, together with pumping main, for which a tender of £2,849 was accepted in 1963, to deal with sewerage from Manor Farm Road estate and also any future sewer installations in Sandleheath, was completed.

It was agreed that the Consulting Engineers should be asked to submit a report for extending the sewer to Sandleheath.

#### BURTON AND WINKTON :

During the year 66 premises were connected to the sewer, making a total at December 31st of 340, including 131 Council houses.

#### BRANSGORE AND THORNEYHILL :

The Council agreed the detailed scheme of the Consulting Engineers for the sewerage of Bransgore and Thorneyhill, including Neacroft, at a total estimated cost of £413,239, for submission to the Ministry; this scheme is based on a future population in the area of 8,000. Sewage disposal is to be to the Stony Lane Works of the Christchurch Borough Council, and the estimated cost includes a probable capital contribution of £90,000 to that Council.

**BURLEY :**

The detailed scheme for the sewerage of Burley is in course of preparation by the Consulting Engineers for the consideration of the Council early in 1965. Sewage disposal is to be to the new Disposal Works at Ringwood.

**ST. LEONARDS AND ST. IVES :**

The Council agreed that Stage I of the sewerage and surface water drainage scheme, comprising the installation of all trunk surface water sewers and outfalls in the area, together with soil sewers in certain unmade roads, namely Lions Lane, Braeside Road, Woolsbridge Road, Laurel Lane and the western part of Sandy Lane, which are to be made up by the County Council on completion of the works, should be proceeded with immediately, and tenders were invited; Stage II, being the remaining soil sewers and seven pumping stations, is to follow after the commencement of the Bransgore and Thorneyhill scheme.

**HALE :**

Following the Council's suggestion to the Salisbury and Wilton Rural District Council that their scheme for the sewerage of the Parish of Redlynch should also serve properties in the Parish of Hale, a report by the Consulting Engineers was considered. This gave an estimated total cost of £75,900, and the Council decided not to proceed further.

**EXHAUSTING OF CESSPOOLS AND SEPTIC TANKS :**

The Council considered my report on cesspool and septic tank exhausting, with information on arrangements in force in other Rural Districts within the County and the position in this Rural District. It was agreed that, with effect from the 1st April 1965, the Council should bear half the cost of exhausting cesspools and septic tanks of dwellings and business premises where sewers are not available.

**REPLACEMENT OF EARTH CLOSETS BY WATER CLOSETS :**

Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936, provides that where there is a sufficient water supply and a sewer available the local authority may by Notice require any closets other than water closets to be replaced by water closets, the local authority to bear one half of the expenses reasonably incurred, and the authority may also bear one half of such cost where an owner proposes to provide a water closet in substitution for any other type of closet, notwithstanding the fact that a Notice has not been served. The Council has already agreed to the service of Notices under this Section, where appropriate, and in other suitable cases where the owner of a property wishes to provide a water closet, but no other facilities which will rank for Grant, a payment of up to one half the cost of conversion to be made, subject to a maximum of £40, each case being considered on its merits.

Three applications for Grant were received, for four dwellings; two for three dwellings, were approved, and the other, where the works were already completed, was refused.



## SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE :

### BRANSGORE AND THORNEYHILL :

Following a request to the Avon and Dorset River Board to carry out a survey of the Clockhouse Stream in order to obtain a firm estimate of the cost of improvement works necessary before it could be taken over as "main river", the Council considered a report by the Board which estimated that the cost of the scheme would be £28,107. The Council agreed that a modified scheme, which would ultimately form part of the major scheme, should be carried out immediately, consisting of works dealing with that section of the Clockhouse Stream adjoining and immediately south of The Lamb Inn, Winkton, and ditches and watercourses from Betsy Lane, Bransgore, to the Clockhouse Stream near Merryfield Farm, to include a new bridge, culverts, and piping of certain lengths of ditch, the estimated cost of which was £11,350; the County Council will contribute £7,750.

### RINGWOOD :

A tender of £877 10s. 0d. was accepted for the reconstruction of seven surface water drainage manholes between the Market Place and Coxstone Lane; 44% of this will be recoverable from the County Council as Highway Authority.

### ST. LEONARDS AND ST. IVES :

The Council agreed that trunk sewers and outfalls only, estimated to cost £71,600, should be included in Stage I of the sewerage and surface water drainage scheme, for which tenders were invited; the County Council as Highway Authority will deal with the remainder in conjunction with the making up of roads, the cost falling upon the frontagers. The County Surveyor reported that detailed surveys had already been made of the roads where most of the surface water drainage problems had occurred, so that there would be no undue delay in making up the roads on completion of the works.

Small improvement works to alleviate flooding in Braeside Road and Lions Lane were carried out, consisting of the provision of larger diameter culverts, and it was also agreed that certain ditches carrying surface water to the Moors River should be cleaned out.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING :

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL :

The Council considered six alternative schemes for the provision of improved services in the district. The opinions of Parish Councils were sought and the majority were in favour of twice-monthly collections of unburnable refuse in all Parishes other than Ringwood Lighting and Non-Lighting Areas and Fordingbridge Lighting Area, which already have a weekly collection of all refuse; the Parish of Christchurch East has had a twice-monthly collection of unburnable refuse, including ashes, since October 1963. A decision was deferred pending a reply from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government as to whether the Lighting Area of the Parish of Fordingbridge should be made a special-purpose area under Section 12 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Receptacles are required to be placed outside premises as near as practicable to the roadway along which the collection vehicle proceeds. Dustbins are collected from within the curtilage of houses where the occupants produce a Doctor's certificate of incapacity.

The new four-wheel drive Bray BL 430 Tractor Loading Shovel came into use at the refuse dump in February; this vehicle replaces the Fordson Tractor which has become available for work at the Ringwood Sewage Disposal Works.

The refuse collection vehicles covered a total mileage of 40,720 during the year, compared with 34,594 in 1963 and 28,561 in 1962.

The following summary shows the estimated amount of refuse collected throughout the district during each of the past eight years :—

	Verwood Road Dump	Sandleheath Dump	Total
1964	... 45,613 cu. yds.	Nil	45,613 cu. yds.
1963	... 37,910 „ „	Nil	37,910 „ „
1962	... 24,811 „ „	7,753 cu. yds.	32,564 „ „
1961	... 22,453 „ „	5,465 „ „	27,918 „ „
1960	... 17,933 „ „	6,209 „ „	24,142 „ „
1959	... 14,137 „ „	5,102 „ „	19,239 „ „
1958	... 13,125 „ „	4 655 „ „	17,780 „ „
1957	... 11,846 „ „	4,641 „ „	16,487 „ „

Tipping ceased at the Sandleheath Dump at the end of 1962, and dumping was centralised at the Verwood Road Dump from 1st January 1963.

The following schedule shows collection days throughout the district as at the 1st January, 1965 :—

#### WEEKLY SERVICE :

**In every month.**

##### **Lighting Area of the Parish of Ringwood :**

Addison Square, Beechcroft Lane, Bickerley, Broadshard Lane, Cadogan Road, Carvers Lane, Christchurch Road, The Close, College Road, Collins Lane, Coniston Road, Coxstone Lane, Dewys Lane, Duck Island Lane, Fairlie Estate, Fairlie Park, Fieldway, Fridays Cross, Gipsy Lane, Gorley Road, Hampton Drive, High Street, Highfield Avenue, Highfield Drive, Hightown Road, Hurst Corner, Kings Arms Lane, Kingsbury Lane, Link Road, London Tavern Triangle, Lumby Drive, Lynes Lane, Manor Road, Market Place, Meadow Close, Meadow Road, Meadow Way, Meeting House Lane, Middle Lane, Middleton Road, Morant Road, Mount Pleasant, Mount Pleasant Lane, New Road, Moortown, New Street, North Poulner Road, Northfield Road, Northumberland Court, Nursery Road, Oak Lane, Parsonage Barn Lane, Queensway, Quomp, Redwood Close, Riverside, Salisbury Road, School Lane, Seymour Road, Southampton Road, Southfield, Star Lane, Strides Lane, Top Lane, Wessex Estate, Wessex Road, West Street, Winston Way, Woodstock Lane.

Every  
Monday

##### **Lighting Area of the Parish of Ringwood :**

Cloughs Road, Eastfield Lane, East View Road, Gravel Lane, Hiltom Road, Hurst Road, Merryweather Estate, Orchard Close, Poplar Close, Poplar Crescent, Poplar Way, Westbury Road.

Every  
Tuesday

##### **Non-Lighting Area of the Parish of Ringwood :**

The areas of Bisterne, Crow, Crow Hill, Hangersley, Hightown, Kingston, North Poulner, Poulner and Sandford.



In every month

**Lighting Area of the Parish of Fordingbridge :**

Albion Road, Alexandra Road, Ashford Close, Ashford Road, Back Street, The Bartons, Bowerwood Road, Bridge Street, Brympton Estate, Church Street, Green Lane, High Street, Horseport, Jubilee Close, Jubilee Road, Lower Bartons, Market Place, Park Road, Pennys Lane, Picket Close, Provost Street, Roundhill, St. George's Road, Salisbury Road, Salisbury Street, Shaftesbury Street, Southampton Road, The Square, Station Road, Victoria Road, Waverley Road, Whitsbury Road.

Every  
Wednesday**TWICE-MONTHLY SERVICE (Unburnable refuse including ashes) :****The Parish of Christchurch East (part) :—**

Beckley, Bransgore, Godwinscroft, Hinton, Holmsley South, Neacroft, Thorneyhill, Walkford and Waterditch ... .. 2nd and  
4th Thursday

**The Parish of Christchurch East (part) :—**

Middle, North and South Bockhampton, Burton, Holfleet, Staplecross, Winkton and Winkton Common ... .. 2nd and  
4th Friday

**MONTHLY SERVICE (Unburnable refuse only) :**

Parish of Ellingham, including the areas of Blashford, Highwood, Linford, Linwood, Rockford and Shobley ... .. 1st Tuesday

Parish of Harbridge and Ibsley, including the areas of Bleak Hill, Furze Hill, Harbridge Green, Ibsley, Mockbeggar, Somerley, South Gorley and Turner ... .. 2nd Tuesday

Parish of Hale ... .. 3rd Tuesday

Parish of Woodgreen ... .. 4th Tuesday

Parish of Fordingbridge (non-lighting area) (part) comprising the areas of Bickton, Blissford, Frogham, Furzehill, Hucklesbrook, Ogdens and Redbrook ... .. 1st Wednesday

Parish of Fordingbridge (non-lighting area) (part) and the Parish of Rockbourne (part) comprising the areas of Burgate, Sandleheath and all that part of the Parish of Rockbourne south of Rockbourne Lane, comprising the areas of Brickhill, The Marsh, Sandleheath and West Park, Midgham, Ashford Road and Bowerwood Road ... .. 2nd Wednesday

Parish of Fordingbridge (non-lighting area) (part) comprising the areas of Hungerford, Hyde and North Gorley ... .. 3rd Wednesday

Parish of Fordingbridge (non-lighting area) (part) comprising the areas of Godshill and Stuckton ... .. 4th Wednesday

Parishes of St. Leonards and St. Ives (part) Hurn and Sopley (part) comprising the Parish of Hurn and all that part of the Parish of Sopley west of the River Avon and in the Parish of St. Leonards and St. Ives; Ashley, Ashley Drive Estate, Ashley Heath, Avon Avenue, Avon Castle, Birch Road, Egmont Drive, High Street, Horton Road, Hurn Close, Hurn Lane, Hurn Road, Laurel Lane, Lions Lane, Lions Wood Estate, Matchams, Monkworthy Drive, Pine Drive, Railway Drive, St. Ives Park, St. Leonards Hill, St. Leonards Way, Struan Court, Struan Gardens, Warren Close, Woodlands Way and Woolsbridge Road ... .. 1st Thursday

Parish of Sopley (part) comprising the areas of Betsy Lane, Burnt House Lane, Cuckoo Hill, Derritt Lane east of New Barn Bridge, Ringwood Road, West Road, Bransgore, and Shirley Common ... .. 2nd Thursday

Parishes of Breamore, Damerham, Martin, Rockbourne and Whitsbury excluding that part of the Parish of Rockbourne south of Rockbourne Lane comprising Brickhill, The Marsh, Sandleheath and West Park ... 3rd Thursday

Parish of St. Leonards and St. Ives (part) comprising the areas of A.31 from Horton Road to County Boundary, Beech Lane, Birch Close, Boundary Lane, Braeside Road, Bushmead Drive, Cedar Avenue, Cherry Tree Close, The Close, Fir Tree Close, Foxbury Road, Glenives Close, Grange Road, Heather Close, Knoll Gardens, Norris Close, Oaks Drive, Pinewood Road, Post Office Lane, St. Ives End Lane, Sandy Lane, School Lane, Strode Gardens, Wayside Road and Windsor Close ... 1st Friday

Parish of Sopley (part) excluding all that part west of the River Avon, Betsy Lane, Burnt House Lane, Cuckoo Hill, all Derritt Lane east of New Barn Bridge, Ringwood Road, West Road, Bransgore and Shirley Common ... 2nd Friday

Parish of Burley ... 3rd Friday

### STREET CLEANSING :

The Council carried out street cleansing in respect of some  $18\frac{1}{4}$  miles of publicly repairable roads in Ringwood and Fordingbridge. The entire charge for cleansing these roads is recovered from the County Council. The road classifications and mileages are as follows :—

	Ringwood	Fordingbridge	Total
Trunk Road ...	1.48	—	1.48
Class I Road ...	2.07	0.89	2.96
Class II Road ...	0.37	1.29	1.66
Class III Road ...	2.08	1.19	3.27
Unclassified ...	7.36	1.51	8.87
	<hr/> 13.36 <hr/>	<hr/> 4.88 <hr/>	<hr/> 18.24 <hr/>

The weekly charge to the owners for cleaning the Market Place, Ringwood, after the Wednesday Market, was increased from £3 to £5.

### LITTER :

Litter receptacles are provided in the shopping centres and car parks at Ringwood and Fordingbridge and at some lay-byes and 'bus draw-ins. The County Council contributes £1 per annum in respect of each of eleven receptacles emptied by the Council and not covered by the street cleansing claim. Copies of posters in connection with the "Keep Britain Tidy" Campaign were distributed to Parish Councils; four of the seven anti-litter signs erected by the Council throughout the District were damaged by vandals and repaired at a cost of £33.

It was agreed that refuse dumped on common or private land should be cleared as and when vehicles were available.

## STAFF—MANUAL WORKERS :

The second of the three annual wage increases of 7/- per week for all adult male workers announced by the National Joint Council for Local Authorities Services (Manual Workers) in 1963 took effect in September; 16 men, all long service employees, qualified for additional holidays and service supplements.

F. Ratcliffe was appointed Foreman/Mechanic in August to replace C. Sewell, who resigned in May.

The present labour force employed by the Council is as follows :

- 1 Foreman/Mechanic.
- 5 Drivers.
- 11 Loaders.
- 1 Dump Attendant.
- 4 Street Sweepers.
- 2 Estate Maintenance Workers.
- 1 Sewage Works Foreman.
- 4 Sewage Workers.
- 1 Rodent Operative.

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## COUNCIL DEPOT :

Negotiations for the purchase of the premises known as 58/60, Christchurch Road, Ringwood, were completed. This increases the Council's frontage on to Christchurch Road and will materially assist in future re-development.

## VEHICLES :

The Council's fleet of vehicles consists of the following :—

Vehicle	Service	Capacity	Purchased
Shelvoke and Drewry Pakamatic Freighter.	Refuse collection.	35 cu. yds.	April 1963
Shelvoke and Drewry Freighter with power press.	Ditto.	20 cu. yds.	May 1961
Karrier Bantam Freighter.	Ditto.	10 cu. yds.	Feb. 1961
Shelvoke and Drewry Freighter	Ditto.	16/18 cu. yds.	Jan. 1960
Ditto.	Ditto.	Ditto	Apr. 1958
Ditto.	Ditto.	Ditto.	Jul. 1955
Commer Van.	Sewerage.	10 cwts.	April 1960
Ditto.	Refuse collection.	Ditto	Jan. 1959
Ford Van.	Rodent control.	5 cwts.	Jul. 1960
Ditto.	Grass cutting, etc.	Ditto.	Feb. 1954
Ditto.	Permanent housing & sewerage.	Ditto.	Dec. 1952
Bray BL430 Tractor	Refuse collection.	—	Feb. 1964
Fordson Tractor	Ringwood Sewerage.	—	Jun. 1960
Hayter Mower	General.	—	Jun. 1964
Mayfield mower	General.	—	Jun. 1955



## SALVAGE :

The salvage scheme was maintained throughout the year and sales produced £721 13s. 0d. against £613 6s. 0d. in 1963; the total sum paid to the workmen for the year under the incentive bonus scheme amounted to £42 3s. 9d.

Owing to increases in wages and decreases in the prices obtained for waste material the scheme is running at a loss, and it was agreed to dispense with overtime work, to recover from the tradesmen concerned the costs of special collections of cardboard cartons and wrapping paper, etc., from trade premises, and to negotiate, as and when possible, more favourable terms with waste paper Merchants.

Details of the salvage sold are shown in the following summary :—

				Tons	Cwts.	Qtrs.	lbs.	No.	£	s.	d.
<b>WASTE PAPER</b>											
Newspaper	...	...		133	7	3	0		445	16	5
Waste Paper	...	...		15	18	1	0		69	17	0
Cardboard	...	...		2	15	2	0		17	5	7
<b>TEXTILES</b>											
Rags, etc.	...	...		6	19	3	0		87	15	3
<b>METALS</b>											
Light cast iron	...	...		4	13	3	0		32	16	3
Scrap metal	...	...		5	14	1	0		10	3	3
Brass	...	...			3	2	0		10	1	3
Copper	...	...			2	1	16		10	16	9
Aluminium	...	...			6	3	0		20	16	3
Lead	...	...			2	2	13		9	12	6
Lead Wire	...	...			1	0	0		1	10	0
<b>SUNDRIES</b>											
Carboys	...	...						4	3	0	0
Batteries— 12 volt	...	...						6	1	10	0
Batteries— 6 volt	...	...						5		12	6
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									170	5	2
									1	15	
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									£721	13	0
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Salvage sales for the past ten years are shown below :—

1964	...	...	...	...	721
1963	...	...	...	...	613
1962	...	...	...	...	859
1961	...	...	...	...	1,267
1960	...	...	...	...	1,290
1959	...	...	...	...	1,129
1958	...	...	...	...	1,079
1957	...	...	...	...	1,135
1956	...	...	...	...	1,249
1955	...	...	...	...	1,280

## DITCHING :

The Town Ditch, Ringwood, was cleaned out as in past years, at a cost of £20.



## CAR PARKS :

The Ringwood park provides accommodation for 226 cars, 13 lorries or coaches and 20 bicycles. Permission was given to the Chamber of Trade to erect a guide board at each end of the park. The Council approached the Parish Council to ascertain whether they would be prepared to sell the northern part of the War Memorial Gardens for the construction of a car park.

A tender of £2,959 was accepted for the formation of an extension to Fordingbridge car park on land already in the Council's ownership, and works were completed. Accommodation for 165 cars and 2 Wilts. and Dorset 'Bus Company coaches is now provided, together with reserved areas for motor-cycles and bicycles.

## CATTLE POUND :

A total of 24 animals was impounded by the Police during the year; the provision of fencing and grids on the main trunk roads through the Forest is reflected in the considerably reduced number of animals impounded. The following summary shows the impoundings since 1955 :

1964	...	...	24
1963	...	...	216
1962	...	...	120
1961	...	...	218
1960	...	...	220
1959	...	...	80
1958	...	...	111
1957	...	...	107
1956	...	...	89
1955	...	...	101

The total fees in respect of the 24 animals amounted to £10. The impounding fees are £2 per owner for each impounding, irrespective of the number of animals impounded.

## STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING :

One new road in Fordingbridge was numbered; one existing road in Ringwood was re-named, and ten new roads throughout the District, where development was substantially complete, were named.

## STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT, PETROLEUM MIXTURES AND CARBIDE OF CALCIUM :

Number of premises on register	...	...	114
Number of petroleum spirit licences	...	...	110 (297,150 gallons).
Number of petroleum mixture licences	...	...	4 (14,090 gallons).
Number of carbide of calcium licences	...	...	1 (2 tons).
Number of new applications during year	...	...	3 (1,500 gallons).

The Council is responsible for seeing that petroleum spirit, mixtures, etc., are stored or carried in accordance with the provisions of the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928, the Petroleum Spirit (Motor Vehicles etc.) Regulations, the Petroleum (Mixtures) Order, 1929, and the Petroleum Spirit (Conveyance by Road) Regulations, 1957.

All electrically operated petrol pumps and installations comply with the recommendations contained in the Model Code of Principles of Construction and Licensing Conditions for the storage of Petroleum Spirit issued by the Home Office in 1957.

Licence fees received during the year amounted to £91 5s. 0d.

## BUILDING BYELAWS :

Plans :—

Number of plans received	...	...	...	...	863
Number of plans approved	...	...	...	...	804
Number of plans rejected	...	...	...	...	49
Number of plans "no objection"	...	...	...	...	16
Number of plans withdrawn or exempted	...	...	...	...	25
Number of relaxations	...	...	...	...	Nil

Classification of the deposited plans is as follows :—

242 plans in respect of 502 dwellings.
252 plans in respect of 252 alterations.
168 plans in respect of 237 garages.
136 plans in respect of 136 drainage works.
22 plans in respect of 22 agricultural buildings.
13 plans in respect of 13 factory buildings.
23 plans in respect of 23 miscellaneous buildings.
7 plans in respect of conversions, resulting in 12 units of accommodation.

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Inspections :—

Foundations	...	...	...	...	...	494
Oversite	...	...	...	...	...	357
Damp proof courses	...	...	...	...	...	323
Water tests to drains	...	...	...	...	...	1,013
Completed works	...	...	...	...	...	702
Sewer connections	...	...	...	...	...	140
Contraventions	...	...	...	...	...	309
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	1,876
						<hr/> 5,214 <hr/>

Contraventions :—

Contraventions of Building Byelaws	...	...	...	73
Number of Statutory Notices served—Section 65				2
			Section 39	1
Number of Statutory Notices complied with—Section 39				1
Number of informal notices served	...	...	...	64

It was agreed that application should be made to the Ministry that Byelaw 98(5), relating to sanitary accommodation, should be relaxed in one instance.

No legal proceedings were instituted under Building Byelaws.

## NEW STREET BYELAWS :

31 plans were received and twenty-seven inspections made in connection with works of laying out new streets.

## NEW STREETS :

Four private estate roads were satisfactorily completed and taken over in accordance with the Standard Estate Conditions, which require developers to construct such roads to the Highway Authority's specification to enable them to be taken over on completion as highways maintainable at the public expense.

The County Council were again requested to apply the Advance Payments Code to this district, which requires that intending developers shall pay, or give a satisfactory security for, a sum representing the cost of making up a new street, or an extension thereof, to the standards of the County Council, thereby protecting the interests of prospective purchasers of new property, particularly against the insolvency of a developer; the County Council has refused two previous requests that this Code should be applied, on the grounds that the Standard Estate Conditions make it unnecessary, and also that a considerable increase in staff would be required in the Department of the County Surveyor, but agreed that the Council's request should be placed before the County Roads and Bridges Committee.

## PRIVATE STREET WORKS :

No roads were made up during the year by the County Council for taking over as highways maintainable at the public expense. Highfield Road, Highfield Drive, Highfield Avenue and Middleton Road, Ringwood, and Lions Lane, Braeside Road, Woolsbridge Road, Laurel Lane and part of Sandy Lane, St. Leonards, will be made up as soon as practicable after completion of sewer laying works. St. George's Road, Albion Road and Jubilee Road, Fordingbridge, and Hatchett Close, Hale, are to be made up in 1965.

## BUILDING CONTROL :

The functions of the Minister of Housing and Local Government relating to Building Control were transferred to the Minister of Public Buildings and Works, who will thus be responsible for the new Building Regulations, designed to take into account the technological advances in the building industry, employing to the maximum new materials, methods and processes; it is expected that the first Regulations will follow the existing Byelaws and not make major changes, but that fundamental changes will be made subsequently.

## DIVERSION OF FOOTPATHS :

Two Orders for the Diversion of Footpaths were confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government, affecting footpaths at Sandleheath, and Crow, Ringwood; informal action was taken to secure the reinstatement of a footpath disturbed by gravel workings.

Three visits and inspections were made.



## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING :

Development applications are received by my Department, which also deals with the work of maintaining the Planning Register and Planning Index Maps. Enquirers are advised on Planning matters generally, and inspections made on behalf of the Planning Authority, to whom reports are furnished on known contraventions.

Nine hundred and seventy-seven Planning applications were received, and 1,773 visits and inspections made.

A special meeting of the Public Health and General Purposes Committee, attended by County Planning officials, was held to consider the re-development of Ringwood Town Centre; the proposals discussed covered traffic circulation, parking, pedestrian areas, service roads and the business areas, as well as the industrial areas and residential development in the town centre. The Council informed the County Council that the proposals appeared to be generally satisfactory, that the principle of retaining the present character of the town was most desirable, but that they recommended that industries at present within the residential area should be transferred to the proposed enlarged industrial area. A similar meeting discussed the Fordingbridge Township Plan, which is in Draft form only, and which shows areas to which there is no fundamental objection to development, together with sites for schools, open spaces and places of assembly, etc. The Plan is not a Statutory Plan and thus will give the Planning authorities more flexibility in the control of development.

The Council was asked by the Ringwood Society to sponsor a Civic Trust Scheme for Ringwood High Street; a decision was deferred pending a report on the amount of financial support likely to be given by the Parish Council and local traders.

The County Planning Committee reviewed their policy regarding replacement of dwellings within the Green Belt and agreed that if the existing dwelling was of permanent materials or, if already demolished, had been occupied within the last five years, a new dwelling of a size large enough to house approximately the same number of people could be erected, provided that there were no other Planning objections and that Byelaw requirements could be satisfied.

## TRUNK ROAD A.31 :

The Council lodged a formal objection, for transmission to the Minister of Transport, against the proposals for the Poulner Lane Diversion of the Trunk Road, contending that they would have the effect of divorcing the northern half of Ringwood from the Town Centre and creating two separate communities, to the detriment of the Town, that the original proposals had been for an all-purpose road giving access to the north and south development areas through which it would pass, whereas the present scheme would change this route virtually to motorway design and standards, and that it would be prudent to route the road in open country, so that adequate land would be available for future widening, if required, and the Town of Ringwood could be left undisturbed.

Representations were also made to the County Council in an endeavour to obtain more and safer facilities for pedestrians wishing to cross the motorway.

The erection of the temporary footbridge at Treening Bridge, Ashley, was completed by the County Council.

## AVON AND DORSET RIVER BOARD :

The River Board made an application for Planning consent for proposed works to the River Stour at Throop Mill, comprising improvements, constructional and accommodation works and tipping of refuse and spoil; in 1962 the Council lodged an objection to these works with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, on the grounds that such works would destroy the amenities of the area, to which the public had access, and which were of outstanding natural beauty.

## LOCAL AUTHORITIES (HISTORIC BUILDINGS)

### ACT, 1962 :

No applications for grants or loans were received during the year.  
One visit of inspection was made.

## DANGEROUS BUILDINGS :

No statutory action was taken in regard to dangerous buildings.  
Three visits and inspections were made.

## HOUSING SITES :

The first stage of the Burton Park project, consisting of ten 2-bedroomed bungalows, fourteen 2-bedroomed houses and sixteen 3-bedroomed houses, together with twenty garages, roads and sewers, was completed in November. The second stage, comprising three 2-bedroomed houses, twenty-seven 3-bedroomed houses and a block of six 1-bedroomed flats for aged persons, with twenty garages, was commenced in February. A communal T.V. aerial system was installed, and arrangements made for the planting of standard ornamental and other trees. Eighteen of the 3-bedroomed houses on this estate are to be occupied, at economic rents, by personnel of the Air Traffic Control Experimental Unit at Hurn.

Planning approval was obtained for the erection of sixteen dwellings and thirty garages as an extension of the estate at Sandy Plot, Burton, on land formerly taken up by the sewage disposal works.

The development at Clark's Close, Quomp, Ringwood, being sixteen 1-bedroomed flats for aged persons, with a 3-bedroomed house and a flat for the Warden and Deputy Warden, together with a communal kitchen and dining room, was completed, and officially opened by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Gainsborough, J.P., Chairman of the Council of the Rural District Councils' Association, on October 1st. Each flat contains a bed-sitting room, kitchen, bathroom and private balcony; hot lunches are provided on three days each week, at a cost of 1/6d. each, for the residents and also for other aged persons in the district, in co-operation with the "Meals-on-Wheels" service and the local Old Peoples' Welfare Committee, and up to the end of the year 456 meals had been served.

The twenty-eight 3-bedroomed houses on land adjoining Poplar Way, and two 3-bedroomed houses and fifteen garages on land adjoining Winston Way, Ringwood, were commenced in February; ten dwellings were completed in December, as was also the two-storey block of four 1-bedroomed flats for aged persons at Chapel Haye, Burley. The extension of the estate at Whitsbury, being four 3-bedroomed houses and two 2-bedroomed houses, with a new sewage disposal plant to serve these six houses and the existing eleven, was completed in March.

A Direction was received from the Ministry of Transport indicating the new alignment of the A.31 Trunk Road, which affected the layout already approved for the estate at Spittlefields, Ringwood, in that it reduced the number of dwellings which could be erected from ninety to



eighty-five. An amended layout was agreed and Planning approval obtained for thirty-five 2-bedroomed houses, thirty-six 3-bedroomed houses and two 4-bedroomed houses, together with one hundred and twelve garages, and also twelve houses to be erected for sale to selected Council tenants or applicants on the Housing Waiting List, and a tender of £220,148 was accepted for these works. A scheme involving the possible erection of up to twenty-three dwellings on land offered to the Council off Eastfield Lane was approved in principle, further negotiations being deferred until the final decision on the route of the Poulner Lane Diversion of Trunk Road A.31 is made known.

A tender of £21,536 was accepted for the erection of four 3-bedroomed houses and four 1-bedroomed flats for aged persons, together with eleven garages, on land at The Cross, Woodgreen.

Land between Honey Lane and Pound Lane, adjoining the existing estate at Warnes Lane, Burley, was acquired, and application made for Planning consent for twelve 3-bedroomed houses, one pair of 2-bedroomed bungalows and one pair of 1-bedroomed bungalows, with twenty-one garages. A site of approximately two acres adjoining the existing estate at Penny's Lane, Fordingbridge, was also acquired, and Planning approval sought for the erection of fifty dwellings and fifty-two garages, to include the replacement of the thirteen pre-fabricated dwellings at this estate. A sketch layout showing the possible erection of eighteen dwellings with a block of six aged persons' flats and eighteen garages on the land at present forming the rear gardens of the estates in St. George's Road and Albion Road, Fordingbridge, was approved for long-term development, and outline Planning approval obtained. The extension of the existing estate at Lower Bartons, Fordingbridge, being eight 2-bedroomed houses and six 3-bedroomed houses, with nine garages, for which a tender of £35,001 was accepted in January, was held up pending the Council's release from restrictive covenants at this site. No progress was made with the site at Alexandra Road, Fordingbridge, for which outline Planning consent was obtained in March 1958 for approximately eighteen dwellings, as development involves the possible purchase of further land for road widening.

It was agreed to erect accommodation for aged persons in Bransgore, and meetings were held with the Planning Authority to endeavour to find a suitable site. A scheme was prepared for the erection of a block of two 2-bedroomed and two 1-bedroomed flats at Hinton, on a site containing two unfit detached cottages, to re-house aged persons in unfit dwellings in this locality, but Planning approval was refused.

Land was acquired and outline Planning permission obtained for the erection of seven dwellings adjoining the existing estate at Glenives Close, St. Ives; also, negotiations were put in hand to purchase two small parcels of land adjoining the pre-fabricated bungalow site at The Close, St. Ives, to be used in conjunction with the re-development of this site, for which outline Planning approval for the erection of four dwellings and six aged persons' flats, together with 16 garages, was obtained. Works will not commence until sewers are available.

## HOUSING PROGRAMME :

It was agreed that no further development be programmed for 1965, as the ninety-three dwellings of the 1964 programme had not been commenced, nor the fourteen dwellings at Lower Bartons, Fordingbridge, included in the 1963 programme.



The following table shows the position of sites for housing development owned by the Council, or for which negotiations to purchase are in hand:—

Site	Acreage	Planning position	Number of dwellings
Chapel Haye, Burley.	0.353	Consent 18.1.63.	4 flats for aged persons, completed December.
Honey Lane, Burley.	2.4	Approval applied for.	16, and 21 garages.
Burton Park, Burton.	7.053		
First stage		Consent 10.7.62.	40 and 20 garages. Completed November.
Second stage		Consent 1.10.63.	30 and 6 flats for aged persons, and 20 garages. Commenced February.
Sandy Plot, Burton.	1.7	Outline 18.3.64.	16, and 30 garages.
Alexandra Road, Fordingbridge.	1.62	Outline 7.3.58.	18 approximately.
Lower Bartons, Fordingbridge.	1.4	Consent 24.4.63	14 and 9 garages. Tender accepted.
Penny's Lane, Fordingbridge.	4.0	Approval applied for.	50, and 52 garages.
St. George's Road and Albion Road, Fordingbridge.	1.9	Outline 5.5.64.	18, and 6 flats for aged persons, with 18 garages.
Land at Martin	5.5	Not yet applied for.	20-30 approximately.
Clark's Close, Quomp, Ringwood	.6875	Consent 13.7.62.	16 flats for aged persons, warden's house and deputy warden's flat, communal kitchen & dining room. Opened 1st October.
Off Eastfield Lane, Ringwood	2.0	Not yet applied for.	23 approximately.
Poplar Way, Ringwood	2.01	Consent 1.10.63.	28, commenced February. 10 completed December.
Winston Way, Ringwood.	.15	Consent 24.4.63.	2, and 15 garages. Commenced February.
Spittlefields, Ringwood	7.8	Consent 17.6.64.	85, including 12 for sale, and 112 garages. Tender accepted.
Adjoining Whipps Hill, Rockbourne	.27	Not yet applied for.	2.
Glenives Close, St. Ives	.5	Outline 22.7.64.	7, when sewers are available.
The Close, St. Ives	.41	Outline 3.12.64.	4, and 6 flats for aged persons, with 16 garages, when sewers are available.
Lower Grove, Whitsbury.	1.5	Consent 31.10.61.	6, with new sewage disposal works. Completed March.
The Cross, Woodgreen.	.6	Consent 19.2.64.	4, and 4 flats for aged persons, with 11 garages. Tender accepted

One hundred and eighty-four visits and inspections were made.

## ESTATE MAINTENANCE :

At the 31st December 1964 the Council had a total of 1,242 occupied dwellings made up as follows :—

Permanent Houses, including 30 aged persons' flats ...	1,192
Pre-fabricated Bungalows ... ..	50
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	1,242
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The Council has erected a total of 229 garages which are let to tenants at rents of 7/6d. per week.

The Council's permanent houses and pre-fabricated bungalows are sited as follows :

PARISH	LOCALITY	Traditional	Prefabricated
Breamore	St. George's Cottages	4	
Burley	Campden House	2	
	Chapel Haye	10	
	Warnes Lane	35	6
Christchurch East	Meyrick Close, Bransgore	18	
	Westbury Close, Bransgore	32	
	Burton Park, Burton	44	
	Footners Lane, Burton	14	6
	Jopps Corner, Burton	7	
	Sandy Plot, Burton	56	
	Burton Green	3	
	Neacroft	4	
	Thorneyhill	27	
Damerham	High Street	2	
	South End	4	
	West Park Lane	23	
Ellingham	Blashford	4	
Fordingbridge	Green Lane	10	
	Jubilee Close	16	
	Lower Bartons	28	
	Penny's Lane	8	13
	Picket Close	54	
	Roundhill	2	
	St. George's Road	12	
	Salisbury Road	8	
	Tinkers Cross	2	
	The Bartons	25	
	Waverley Road	26	
Hale	St. George's Cottages	14	
Harbridge and Ibsley	Brookside	6	
Hurn	Moors Close	54	
Martin	St. George's Cottages	12	
	Townsend	24	
Ringwood	58/60, 66/68 and 74, Christchurch Rd.	5	
	Clark's Close	18	
	Cloughs Road	14	
	Eastfield Lane	—	4
	Fairlie Estate	3	
	Fairlie Park	36	
	Hurst Road	42	

PARISH	LOCALITY	Traditional	Prefabricated
	Hightown	8	
	Manor Road	35	9
	Merryweather	24	
	Moortown	14	
	Poplar Crescent	10	
	Poplar Way	74	
	Queens Way	71	
	55, The Bickerley	1	
	Wessex Estate	92	
	Winston Way	48	
	Woodstock Lane	2	
Rockbourne	Bourne Cottages	6	
	Minty's Hill	6	
	Whipps Hill	1	
Sopley	Avon	4	
	Burnt House Lane, Bransgore	20	
	Derritt Lane, Bransgore	—	6
	Ripley	2	
St. Leonards and St. Ives	Ashley	4	
	Glenives Close and The Close	10	6
	Old School	1	
	Woolsbridge Road	16	
Whitsbury	Lower Grove	17	
Woodgreen	Hill Close	12	
	St. George's Cottages	6	

The maintenance of these estates entailed a total of four thousand and eight visits and inspections as follows :—

Permanent houses	...	...	...	3,739
Pre-fabricated bungalows	...	...	...	194
Other Council property	...	...	...	10
Sewage disposal	...	...	...	65
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				4,008
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Five enquiries were received from tenants respecting the purchase of houses occupied by them; in two cases sales were concluded and in the other three negotiations are still in progress.

Three hundred and seventy dwellings and seventy-seven garages were repainted externally, at a total cost of £8,064 1s. 0d. Tenders amounting to £1,100 2s. 0d. were accepted for internal redecoration works to forty-five dwellings occupied by aged or infirm tenants. The existing arrangements for supplying distemper and Ceilingite for tenants to carry out their own interior decorations were continued.

A tender of £1,782 15s. 0d. was accepted for roof insulation and lagging works for the prevention of frost damage to a further 205 dwellings; the first stage, being works to 101 dwellings, at a cost of £845 17s. 6d. was completed. 395 dwellings now remain to be insulated. A tender of £1,936 was accepted for electrical installations to 100 dwellings, designed to bring these up to the minimum standard of one 13 amp. point in each



room and a cooker control panel in the kitchen; the practice of checking and improving such installations upon changes of tenancy was continued. Some 645 dwellings are still below this minimum standard. A further thirty-one immersion heaters were installed at tenants' requests; a total of five hundred and sixty-one heaters has been installed under the scheme, the charge to tenants being 6d. per week.

It was agreed that the estate road at Westbury Close, Bransgore, be made up for adoption by the County Council as a highway maintainable at the public expense, at an estimated cost of £1,800; also that the County Council should make up, at this Council's expense, Jubilee Close, Ford- ingbridge, at an estimated cost of £1,271.

In response to a letter from the Lord Lieutenant of the County it was agreed that, owing to an increase in establishment, a further twelve Council dwellings would be made available for occupation by the Police Authority during the next few years, in addition to the fourteen dwellings already occupied by them.

The Council considered the question of whether tenants should be charged an increased rent where lodgers were taken in, and agreed that a charge of ten shillings per week be made for each lodger in a Council dwelling where the tenant was not in receipt of a rent rebate, and that a lodger be defined as a wage earner, or a person with an income, other than the tenant's spouse or unmarried sons and daughters, a man and wife living together to be treated as one lodger.

## HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT

### SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACT :

One hundred and ninety-one visits and inspections were made in connection with a total of 171 dwellings constructed or purchased with assistance under these Acts since 1941.

### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS :

It was found necessary to institute proceedings as follows :—

#### **Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 2.**

Hampshire Family Bakers Ltd.

Fined £15.0.0d. Council awarded  
£7.7.0d. costs.

Nine visits and inspections were made.

### STAFF :

Mr. M. A. Cleevely, Additional Public Health Inspector, resigned in February and Mr. K. Adams was appointed and took up his duties in May.

### CONCLUSION :

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council, Mr. A. H. Hale and Dr. D. J. N. McNab for their confidence and support, and the staff of my Department for their co-operation throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

RONALD A. UPSTONE,

Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.